

Unemployment rate

% of labour force

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Australia	6.8	6.5	6.0	5.5	5.1	4.9	4.4	4.3
Austria	3.6	4.0	4.3	5.0	5.2	4.8	4.5	3.9
Belgium	6.2	6.9	7.7	7.4	8.1	8.4	7.7	6.4
Canada	7.3	7.7	7.7	7.3	6.8	6.3	6.1	6.2
Czech Republic	8.2	7.3	7.8	8.4	8.0	7.2	5.4	4.4
Denmark	4.2	4.3	5.5	5.3	4.9	4.0	3.6	3.1
Finland	9.1	9.0	9.0	8.9	8.4	7.7	6.9	6.3
France	8.8	8.9	8.5	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.0	7.4
Germany	7.9	8.7	9.4	10.4	11.3	10.4	8.7	7.6
Greece	10.4	10.1	9.5	10.4	9.8	8.9	8.2	7.3
Hungary	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.1	7.2	7.5	7.4	7.9
Iceland	2.3	3.2	3.4	3.1	2.7	3.0	2.3	3.0
Ireland	3.7	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.6	5.3
Italy	9.6	9.1	8.7	8.1	7.8	6.9	6.2	6.8
Japan	5.2	5.6	5.4	4.9	4.6	4.3	4.1	4.2
Korea	4.2	3.4	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.3
Luxembourg	1.8	2.6	3.7	5.1	4.5	4.7	3.9	5.0
Mexico	2.6	3.0	3.1	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.7
Netherlands	2.5	3.1	4.0	5.0	5.1	4.2	3.5	3.0
New Zealand	5.4	5.2	4.7	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.7	4.2
Norway	3.5	4.0	4.5	4.5	4.7	3.5	2.6	2.6
Poland	18.6	20.3	20.0	19.3	18.0	14.0	9.7	7.2
Portugal	4.3	5.4	6.8	7.0	8.1	8.1	8.5	8.1
Slovak Republic	19.3	18.6	17.6	18.2	16.2	13.3	11.0	9.6
Spain	10.5	11.4	11.4	11.0	9.2	8.6	8.3	11.4
Sweden	5.1	5.3	5.8	6.6	7.8	7.1	6.2	6.2
Switzerland	2.5	3.0	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.1	3.7	3.4
Turkey	8.6	10.6	10.8	10.6	10.5	10.1	10.5	11.2
United Kingdom	4.8	5.1	4.9	4.7	4.7	5.4	5.3	5.4
United States	4.8	5.9	6.1	5.6	5.1	4.7	4.7	5.8
OECD-Total	6.4	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.7	6.2	5.7	6.0

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